

Wednesday, May 12, 1999

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S5105–S5191*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1015–1027, and S. Res. 100. **Page S5155**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S. 559, to designate the Federal building located at 33 East 8th Street in Austin, Texas, as the “J.J. ‘Jake’ Pickle Federal Building”.

S. 858, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 18 Greenville Street in Newnan, Georgia, as the “Lewis R. Morgan Federal Building and United States Courthouse”.

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#### **Measures Passed:**

**Peace Corps Act Authorization:** Senate passed H.R. 669, to amend the Peace Corps Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 through 2003 to carry out that Act, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Juvenile Justice:** Senate continued consideration of S. 254, to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by rehabilitation of juvenile criminals, and punish and deter violent gang crime, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S5105–51, S5187–89**

#### **Adopted:**

Boxer Amendment No. 330, to provide for a study of the marketing practices of the firearms industry with respect to children. **Pages S5105–06**

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 110), Brownback Amendment No. 329, to provide for a study of the effects of television programming, movies, video games, Internet content, and music lyrics on child development.

**Pages S5115–23, S5124–26, S5143–44**

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 112), Craig Amendment No. 332, to preserve privacy and property rights, prohibit the collection of fees, and the retention of information in connection with background checks of law abiding citizens acquiring firearms. **Pages S5127–46**

#### **Rejected:**

Leahy Amendment No. 327, to promote effective law enforcement. (By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 109), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S5105–12**

Lautenberg Amendment No. 331, to regulate the sale of firearms at gun shows. (By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 111), Senate tabled the amendment.)

**Pages S5126–45**

#### **Withdrawn:**

McCain Amendment No. 333, to prohibit the receipt, transfer, transportation, or possession of a firearm or ammunition by certain violent juvenile offenders. **Pages S5136–37**

#### **Pending:**

Hatch/Leahy Amendment No. 335, relating to the availability of Internet filtering and screening software. **Page S5141**

Hollings Amendment No. 328, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require that the broadcast of violent video programming be limited to hours when children are not reasonably likely to comprise a substantial portion of the audience.

**Pages S5146–51, S5187–89**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, with a vote to occur on Amendment No. 335 at 9:40 a.m., on Thursday, May 13, 1999. **Pages S5142, S5186**

#### **Appointments:**

**Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Secretary of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, the appointment of James B. Lloyd, of Tennessee, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

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**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

A message from the President of United States transmitting, a report on a request for funds for operations of U.S. forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina; referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM–27). **Page S5153**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Joseph Limprecht, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy, and Marine Corps. **Pages S5189–91**

**Messages From the President:** **Page S5153**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S5153**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S5171–80**

**Authority for Committees:** **Pages S5180–81**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S5181–86**

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total–112) **Pages S5111–12, S5144–46**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:42 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 13, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S5186–87.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met in closed session and began markup of S. 974, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

### LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded hearings to examine the effectiveness of the low income housing tax credit provisions of Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code in producing affordable housing and revitalizing neighborhoods, after receiving testimony from Senators Graham and Mack; David W. Herlinger, Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, Denver; Richard K. Barnhart, Pennrose Properties, Inc., and Rita Alice Brown, both of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Patrick A. Barbolla, Fountainhead Companies, Fort Worth, Texas, on behalf of the Rural Rental Housing Association of Texas, Inc.; Richard J. Ferrara, Housing

Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County, Kensington, Maryland; and Howard Earl Cohen, Beacon Residential Properties Limited Partnership, Boston, Massachusetts.

### WIRELESS COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Communications concluded hearings on S. 800, to promote and enhance public safety through the use of 9–1–1 as the universal emergency assistance number, further deployment of wireless 9–1–1 service, support of States in upgrading 9–1–1 capabilities and related functions, encouragement of construction and operation of seamless, ubiquitous, and reliable networks for personal wireless services, after receiving testimony from George Heinrichs, SCC Communications Corporation, Boulder, Colorado; Thomas E. Wheeler, Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association, Washington, D.C.; and Mark Wildey, West Metro Fire Protection District, Lakewood, Colorado.

### EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine incentives and barriers created by the federal government in bringing new technologies to the marketplace, after receiving testimony from Terry Douglass, Knoxville, Tennessee, and Don Jenkins, Columbia, South Carolina, both of Conversion Technologies Industries, Inc.; Ralph Hutcheson, Scientific Materials Corporation, Bozeman, Montana; Timothy Hammond, Tulane University Medical Center Environmental Astrobiology Center, New Orleans, Louisiana; Richard E. Smalley, Rice University, Houston, Texas; and Helena Wisniewski, ANSER, Arlington, Virginia.

### ALLEGED CHINESE ESPIONAGE

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee held open and closed hearings to examine damage to the national security from alleged Chinese espionage at the Department of Energy nuclear weapons laboratories, receiving testimony from Mary Anne Sullivan, General Counsel, Department of Energy; and Neil Gallagher, Assistant Director, National Security Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and James Baker, Deputy Counsel for Intelligence Operations, Office of Intelligence Policy and Review, both of the Department of Justice.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

### MEDICARE REFORM

*Committee on Finance:* Committee resumed hearings on Medicare reform issues, focusing on the key differences between Medicare and other group health

insurance programs, receiving testimony from Harry P. Cain II, Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, Chicago, Illinois; P. Anthony Hammond, Institute for Health Policy Solutions, Paul B. Ginsburg, Center for Studying Health System Change, and Murray N. Ross, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, all of Washington, D.C.; Christine C. Ferguson, Rhode Island Department of Human Services, Providence; Keith J. Mueller, University of Nebraska Center for Rural Health Research, Omaha; John W. Rowe, Mount Sinai-New York University Medical Center and Health System, New York; and David Blumenthal, Massachusetts General Hospital/Partners HealthCare System, Boston, on behalf of the Commonwealth Fund Task Force on Academic Health Centers.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

#### DEMOCRACY/RULE OF LAW IN THE AMERICAS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism concluded hearings on the state of democracy and the rule of law in the Americas, focusing on Latin America and the Caribbean, after receiving testimony from Elliott Abrams, Ethics and Public Policy Center, former Assistant Secretary of State of Inter-American Affairs, Luigi R. Aeneid, Inter-American Dialogue, former U.S. Ambassador to the Organization of American States, and John P. Sweeney, Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information approved for full committee consideration S.692, to prohibit Internet gambling, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

#### FARM WORKER PROGRAMS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration concluded hearings to examine workforce needs of American agriculture, farm workers, and the United States economy, focusing on illegal migrant farm workers, H-2A reform, AgJOBS, collective bargaining agreements, sanitation, and farm worker unemployment and wages, after receiving testimony from Senators Graham, McConnell, Gorton, and Gordon Smith; Representatives Berman and Bishop; Joshua Wunsch, Michigan Farm Bureau, Traverse

City, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau; James S. Holt, McGuiness and Williams, on behalf of the National Council of Agricultural Employers, Demetri Papademetriou, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Cecilia Munoz, National Council of La Raza, all of Washington, D.C.; Dolores C. Huerta, United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO, Keene, California; and Manuel Cunha, Jr., Nisei Farmers League, Fresno, California.

#### AUTHORIZATION: ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, focusing on the Title 1 program, Helping Disadvantaged Children Meet High Standards, including issues as accountability, targeting assistance to low-income students, allocating resources for early childhood initiatives, and making Title One a portable entitlement, after receiving testimony from Christopher T. Cross, Independent Review Panel/Council for Basic Education, Washington, D.C.; Lisa Graham Keegan, Arizona Department of Education, Phoenix; and Iris T. Metts, Delaware Department of Education, Dover.

#### HUBZONES

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded oversight hearings on the implementation of the Small Business Administration's HUBZone Empowerment Contracting Program, SBA's initiatives to promote economic development opportunities for Native Americans and within Indian reservation communities, and other SBA programs that support economic development on Indian reservations, after receiving testimony from Richard L. Hayes, Associate Deputy Administrator, Office of Government Contracting and Minority Enterprise Development, Small Business Administration; Stanley Pino, All Indian Pueblo Council, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Sophie Minich, Cook Inlet Regional, Inc., Anchorage, Alaska; and Pete Homer, National Indian Business Association, Washington, D.C.

#### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again Wednesday, May 19.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 25 public bills, H.R. 1763–1787; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 53–54, H. Con. Res. 105–107, and H. Res. 168, were introduced.

Pages H3085–86

**Reports Filed:** One report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 167, providing for consideration of H.R. 1555, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (H. Rept. 106–136).

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**Year 2000 Readiness and Responsibility Act:** By a recorded vote of 236 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 128, the House passed H.R. 775, to establish certain procedures for civil actions brought for damages relating to the failure of any device or system to process or otherwise deal with the transition from the year 1999 to the year 2000.

Pages H3013–54

By a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 127, rejected the Conyers motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report it back forthwith with an amendment to establish U.S. Federal court jurisdiction, service of process, and discovery in Year 2000 actions involving corporate defendants outside of the United States.

Pages H3051–53

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, made in order by the rule.

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Agreed To:

The Davis amendment that changes the effective date to January 1, 1999 and defines damage to mean punitive, compensatory, and restitutionary relief;

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The Moran amendment that exempts all claims that arise out of an underlying action for personal injury; and

Pages H3030–32

The Jackson-Lee amendment that allows Year 2000 notifications to be drafted using layman's terms.

Pages H3032–33

Rejected:

The Scott amendment that sought to strike section 304 that caps the punitive damages awarded (rejected by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 124);

Pages H3033–35, H3038

The Nadler amendment that sought to strike title IV that limits class action lawsuits (rejected by a re-

corded vote of 180 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 125); and

Pages H3035–39

The Conyers amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to strike provisions that limit punitive damages; provide a cooling off period and alternative dispute resolution procedures; prohibit frivolous class action lawsuits; and impose a duty on plaintiffs to mitigate damages (rejected by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 126).

Pages H3039–51

H. Res. 166, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a yeas and nays vote of 236 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 123. The amendments printed in Part 1 of H. Rept. 106–134, the report accompanying the rule, were considered as adopted.

Pages H3006–13

**Motion to Instruct Conferees—Emergency Supplemental Appropriations:** Representative Upton notified the House of his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the Senate amendment to H.R. 1141, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, to insist that no provision (1) not in H.R. 1141 when passed by the House; (2) not in H.R. 1664 when passed by the House, or directly related to H.R. 1664; and (3) not in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1141, as passed by the Senate, be agreed to by the managers on the part of the House.

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**Motion to Instruct Conferees—Emergency Supplemental Appropriations:** Agreed to the Deutsch motion instruct conferees on the Senate amendment to H.R. 1141, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, to insist on the funding level of \$621 million contained under the heading “Central America and the Caribbean Emergency, Disaster Recovery Fund” of the House bill for necessary expenses to address the effects of hurricanes in Central America and the Caribbean and the earthquake in Colombia.

Pages H3054–60

**Presidential Message—Funding for Armed Forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina:** Message wherein he transmitted his report concerning his funding request for continued operations of U.S. forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina—referred to the Committees on International Relations and Armed Forces and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–62).

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H3001.

**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3087–90.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea and nay vote and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3013, H3038, H3039, H3050–51, H3052–53, and H3053. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

## ***Committee Meetings***

### **LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative approved for full Committee action the Legislative appropriations for fiscal year 2000.

### **NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Special Oversight Panel on Merchant Marine approved for full Committee consideration recommendations on H.R. 1401, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001.

### **NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation approved for full Committee consideration recommendations on H.R. 1401, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001.

### **NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities approved for full Committee action H.R. 1401, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001.

### **OFHEO'S PROPOSED RISK-BASED CAPITAL RULE**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight's proposed Risk-Based Capital Rule. Testimony was heard from Mark A. Kinsey, Acting Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

### **REGULATORY BURDEN RELIEF**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on Regulatory Burden Relief. Testimony was heard from Laurence H. Meyer, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: John D. Hawke, Jr., Comptroller of the

Currency; and Carolyn J. Buck, Chief Counsel, Office of Thrift Supervision; Andrew Hove, Vice Chairman, FDIC; Robert Fenner, General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration; and public witnesses.

### **EVEN START AND FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Held a hearing on Even Start and Family Literacy Programs Under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Testimony was heard from Andy Hartman, Director, National Institute for Literacy, Department of Education; Cheryl Keenan, Director, Bureau of Adult Basic and Literacy Education, Department of Education, State of Pennsylvania; Mary Brown, Program Supervisor, Even State Family Education Program, Public Schools, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and public witnesses.

### **DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR AND EDUCATION—MANAGEMENT—Y2K COMPUTER PROBLEM**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Review of the Management of the Year 2000 Computer Problem by the Department of Labor and the Department of Education. Testimony was heard from Marshall Smith, Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of Education; the following officials of the Department of Labor: Patricia W. Lattimore, Assistant Secretary, Administration and Management; and Patricia A. Dalton, Assistant Inspector General; Joel Willemssen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

### **RUSSIA'S FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES: WHAT ARE THEY?**

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on Russia's Foreign Policy Objectives: What are They? Testimony was heard from Steven R. Sestanovich, Ambassador at Large and Special Adviser to the Secretary for Independent States, Department of State; Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, USAF (Ret.), former Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs; and a public witness.

### **DEMOCRACY IN INDONESIA**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Democracy in Indonesia: Preparations for the National Election. Testimony was heard from Stanley Roth, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Robert C. Randolph, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, AID, U.S.

International Development Cooperation Agency; and public witnesses.

#### **NATIONAL POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held a hearing on H.R. 1659, National Police Training Commission Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives Serrano, Meeks of New York, and Walsh; Julius Davis, Deputy Chief of Police, Los Angeles, California; the following officials of the Department of Police, Chicago, Illinois: Callie L. Baird, Administrator in Charge, Office of Professional Standards; and Charles B. Roberts, Assistant Deputy Superintendent; Terrence W. Gainer, Assistant Chief of Police, Metropolitan Police Department, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

#### **RELIGIOUS LIBERTY PROTECTION ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 1691, Religious Liberty Protection Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—IMPLEMENTATION—NET ACT AND ENFORCEMENT AGAINST INTERNET PIRACY**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on the Implementation of the Net Act and Enforcement Against Internet Piracy. Testimony was heard from Kevin V. DiGregory, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Computers Crime Division, Department of Justice; Timothy B. McGrath, Interim Staff Director, U.S. Sentencing Commission; and public witnesses.

#### **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on H.R. 764, Child Abuse Prevention and Enforcement Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Cathryn Turman, Acting Director, Office for Victims of Crime; and Patrick Coleman, Deputy Director, Policy and Management, Bureau of Justice Assistance; and public witnesses.

#### **INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1555, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000.

The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Select Committee on Intelligence as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule provides that the

amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered by title and that each title shall be considered as read. The rule waives points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute for failure to comply with clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting nongermane amendments).

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee, and each amendment shall be considered as read.

The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goss.

#### **COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET PROCESS REFORM ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Held a hearing on H.R. 853, Comprehensive Budget Process Reform Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives Nussle, Cardin and Minge; Dan L. Crippen, Director, CBO; Susan J. Irving, Associate Director, Federal Budget Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

#### **METHANE HYDRATE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1753, Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act of 1999.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 1753 (and S. 330). Testimony was heard from Robert S. Kripowicz, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy, Department of Energy; William Dillon, Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; and a public witness.

#### **Y2K IN ORBIT: IMPACT ON SATELLITES AND GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Technology, the Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform held a joint hearing on Y2K in Orbit: Impact on Satellites and the Global Positioning System. Testimony was heard from Lee B. Holcomb, Chief Information Officer, Department of Defense; Marvin Langston, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Department of Defense; Keith Rhodes,

Technical Director, Computers and Telecommunications, GAO; and a public witness.

## RECYCLE AMERICA'S LAND ACT

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 1300, Recycle America's Land Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

*Conferees* continued in evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1141, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1999

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* closed business meeting to mark up S. 974, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, and related measures, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Full Committee, closed business meeting to mark up S. 974, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, and related measures, 2 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings on S. 698, to review the suitability and feasibility of recovering costs of high altitude rescues at Denali National Park and Preserve in the state of Alaska; S. 711, to allow for the investment of joint Federal and State funds from the civil settlement of damages from the Exxon Valdez oil spill; and S. 748, to improve Native hiring and contracting by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings on issues relating to the Clean Water Action Plan, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold oversight hearings on United States Customs, focusing on commercial operations, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings on issues relating to the ABM Treaty, focusing on Start II and missile defense, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings on the nomination of Richard M. McGahey, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Justice's refusal to enforce the Law on Voluntary Confessions, 2 p.m., SD-226.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to mark up fiscal year 2000 appropriations, 10 a.m., 2362 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, to mark up fiscal year 2000 appropriations, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Military Personnel, to mark up H.R. 1401, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Readiness, to mark up H.R. 1401, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001, 1:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy and Power, to continue hearings on Electricity Competition, focusing on the Role of the Federal Electric Utilities, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Access to Buildings and Facilities by Telecommunications Providers, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training, and Life-Long Learning, hearing on Developing and Maintaining a High-Quality Teacher Force, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on H.R. 1434, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on FEHBP: OPM's Policy Guidance for Fiscal Year 2000; and to mark up H.R. 457, Organ Donor Leave Act, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing on International Law: The Importance of Extradition, 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, oversight hearing on Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 28, Quality Child Care for Federal Employees Act; H.R. 1219, Construction Industry Payment Protection Act of 1999; and H.R. 1442, Law Enforcement and Public Safety Enhancement Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* hearing on Diplomatic Initiatives for Kosovo, including H. Con. Res. 99, expressing the sense of the Congress that the congressional leadership and the Administration should support the efforts and recommendations of the United States Congress-Russian Duma meeting in Vienna, Austria, held April 30 to May 1, 1999, in order to bring about a fair, equitable, and peaceful settlement between warring factions in Yugoslavia, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* oversight hearing to examine youth culture and violence, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, to continue hearings on H.R. 853, Comprehensive Budget Process Reform Act of 1999, 9:30 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1654, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 1999; H.R. 1655, Department of Energy Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1999; H.R. 1656, Department of Energy Commercial Application of Energy Technology Authorization Act of 1999; H.R. 1742, Environmental Protection Agency Office of Research and Development and Science Advisory Board Authorization Act of 1999; H.R. 1743, Environmental Protection Agency Office of Air and Radiation Authorization Act of 1999; and H.R. 1744, National Institute of Standards and Technology Authorization Act of 1999, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports and the Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Business Opportunities and Special Small Business Problems, joint hearing on "What Would Repealing The 'Death' Tax Mean For Small Business?" 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Future Needs of the U.S. Marine Transportation System, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation, to mark up the following: resolutions authorizing the GSA's Fiscal Year 2000 Capital Investment Program; two construction resolutions; H. Con. Res. 91, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a clinic to be conducted by the United States Luge Association; and a resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a Special Olympics Torch Run, 11 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medicare Self-Referral laws, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Foster Care Independent Living, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, hearing on Kosovo, 4:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 13

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. 254, to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by rehabilitation of juvenile criminals, punish and deter violent gang crime, with a vote to occur on Hatch/Leahy Amendment No. 335.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Thursday, May 13

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** The House will meet at 9:00 a.m. and recess immediately for the Former Members' Association Annual Meeting; and

Consideration of H.R. 1555, Intelligence Reauthorization (modified open rule, one hour of general debate).

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

## HOUSE

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